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Applicants : Okazaki Group Art Unit: To be assigned  
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For : REACTIVE MONOMER COMPOSITION  
MODIFIED BY A SMALL AMOUNT OF  
LACTONES, AN ACRYLIC POLYOL RESIN, A  
CURABLE RESIN COMPOSITION, AND A  
COATING COMPOSITION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Prior to calculating the filing fees for this application, please cancel claims 8-10, 13-20, 23-25, 28-30, 38, 41-45, 48-54, 57, 58, 62-70, 74-81, and 84 without prejudice to applicants' right to file claims to this subject matter later in this application or in divisional or continuation applications. Applicants are canceling the multiple dependent claims to simplify filing and to reduce costs.

Please amend claim 26 to read as follows. A marked-up version of the claim indicating insertions and deletions is included in an Appendix to this paper.

26. (Amended) A melamine-curable type water-based coating composition comprising 5-30 parts by weight of an acrylic polyol resin (A) obtained using a hydroxyalkyl (meth)acrylate composition (a) modified by a small amount of lactones represented by the above-described general formula (1) as claimed in claim 1, wherein a proportion of monomers having not less than 2 continuous chains ( $n \geq 2$ ) of lactones is less than 50% (GPC area %), as polymerizing components, and 10-60 parts by weight of an amino-plasto resin (IV-B).

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